

Chapter 28

Consolidated Assistance, Review, and Evaluation (CARE)

In 1990, the Consolidated Assistance, Review, and Evaluation (CARE) program was officially chartered by the Administrative and Financial Management (AFM) of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The CARE program consolidated many of the reviews previously completed by individual Divisions, or Areas utilizing Total Quality Management (TQM) principles. This is the first program where providing assistance is emphasized and "conforming to requirements" is de-emphasized. CARE Teams provide onsite assistance based on issues that surface during the reviews. Findings and recommendations support Agency, Department, and Government reports.

Acronyms: See [Chapter 22](#) for a comprehensive list of commonly used acronyms.

Web Sites: AFM Consolidated Assistance Review and Evaluation [CARE]
Program Website
<http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/programs/care/index.htm>

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